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	regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of:						
	the international application in the language in which it was filed						
Ш	a translation of the international application into, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b)).						
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2. Citations and explanations:

Claims 1-21 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Gerpheide et al. [US 4,563,739].

As per claims 1-21, Gerpheide discloses in inventory management system configured for use in association with at least one container containing an amount of inventory material at a monitored location [see abstract], the system comprising: at least one measurement instrument with the scontainer, the measurement instrument being configured to generate at least one data signal representative of the amount of the inventory material in the container [see abstract, column 2, lines 22 - 67]; a telemetry unit in communication with the measurement instrument, the elemetry unit being configured to receive at least the generated data signal from the measurement instrument and to convert the generated data signal into inventory information [column 1, lines 61 - 67]; a first server in communication with the telemetry unit, the first server configured to receive at least the inventory information from the telemetry unit (see figure 1, and paragraph bridging columns 3 and 4]; and at least a second server in communication with the first server, the second server configured to for receiving at least the inventory information from the first server via an Internet connection, the second server being configured to process the inventory information for presentation on at least one website [see column 4, lines 36 - 54, and column 5, lines 28 - 41].